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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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1. On 8 May 1951 at 2 p.m., it was observed that swept-wing jet fighters No 315 and 334, a jeep, an ambulance and [REDACTED] were parked at the beginning of the runway at Dessau airfield. About 12 ground personnel, two officers, and two pilots who wore flying suits stripped the tarpaulins from the planes and removed the lids from the air intake and air exhaust apertures. The pilots slid back the cabin roofs and climbed into the planes from the left side. At 2:01 and 2:03 p.m., the aircraft engines were started but no starting device was seen. The planes took off at 2:10 p.m.
2. A site, about 6 meters square and surrounded by a high board fence, was in the northeastern corner of the field, about 200 meters west of the radio installation. It was recently observed that the guards at the field were accompanied by police dogs. Newly-constructed underground shelter trenches, covered with debris and fitted with ventilation pipes and wooden doors, were observed between the taxiway and the railroad line. According to a member of the ground personnel, the jet fighters have a take-off speed of 550 km/h and a maximum flying speed of 1,265 km/h.
3. On 15 May between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., the airfield was occupied by 23 swept-wing jet fighters, including two planes of the alert squadron which were just landing at the field. A red tank-like container 80 cm in diameter and above the ground was seen in the fenced-in area, about 200 meters west of the radio installation. *

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. One fighter regiment is still believed to be stationed in Dessau.

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